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SUBJECT: WAGE READJUSTMENT POSTPONE, CONGRESSIONAL AND
UNIV. FIGURES MAKE STATEMENTS

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1. SUMMARY: GOVT DISMISSES UNIVERSITY RECTORS AND WILL NAME
"DELEGATES" TO HEAD INSTITUTIONS. EDUARDO FREI AND LUIS PARETO
ISSUE STATEMENT LAUDING CONGRESS' ACTIVITIES OVER PAST THREE YEARS
AND EXPRESSING THEIR HOPE FOR RETURN TO INSTITUTIONAL NORMALITY.
OCTOBER 1 SALARY READJUSTMENTS POSTPONED INDEFINITELY WHILE GOVT
STUDIES ECONOMIC POLICIES. END SUMMARY.

2. RECTORS OF ALL EIGHT CHILEAN UNIVERSITIES WERE ORDERED TO RESIGN
SEPT 28 BY GOC AND WILL BE REPLACED BY GOVT-APPOINTED "DELEGATES."
UNIVERSITY OF CHILE RECTOR EDUARDO BOENINGER ISSUED STATEMENT
SEPT 29 WHICH RECOUNTED UNIVERSITY'S LONG BATTLE IN DEFENSE OF
"DEMOCRACY AND PLURALISM," HIS SEPT 12 EXPRESSION OF SUPPORT
FOR NEW GOVT AND HIS PREVIOUSLY STATED BELIEF THAT UNIVERSITIES
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SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO REORGANIZE AND RESTRUCTURE THEMSELVES,

A VIEW APPARENTLY NOT ACCEPTED BY JUNTA. BOENINGER CONCLUDED STATEMENT WITH ASSERTION THAT HE LEAVING JOB "FRUSTRATED" FOR NOT HAVING ACCOMPLISHED ALL HE HAD INTENDED TO DO AND "WORRIED ABOUT THE FUTURE."

3. WEEKEND STATEMENT ISSUED BY EX-SENATE PRESIDENT FREI AND EX-CHAMBER OF DEPUTIES PRESIDENT PARETO (BOTH PDC). STATEMENT SIMILAR TO BOENINGER DECLARATION IN ITS "DON'T FORGET WHAT WE DID" TONE AND POINTS TO ACTIONS OF CONGRESSIONAL DEMOCRATIC MAJORITY WHICH "DEFENDED LIBERTY, DENOUNCED ECONOMIC POLICIES LEADING COUNTRY TO RUIN, IMPEACHED CABINET MINISTERS AND OTHER HIGH-LEVEL OFFICIALS AND REPEATEDLY (JULY 8 AND AUG 22 MENTIONED SPECIFICALLY) POINTED OUT UP'S GRAVE ERRORS." DECLARATION END WITH REMINDER THAT NEW GOVT HAS STATED COUNTRY WILL RETURN TO NORMAL INSTITUTIONALITY AND EXPRESSES DRAFTERS' HOPE THAT "ONCE AGAIN THERE WILL BE A PARLIAMENT ELECTED BY THE PEOPLE WHICH WILL MAKE THE LAWS, CONTROL POWER AND SERVE AS THE EXPRESSION OF VARIOUS CURRENTS OF OPINION."

4. MINFINANCE ANNOUNCED THAT GOC WILL NOT AUTHORIZE OCT 1 SALARY READJUSTMENTS AS CALLED FOR BY LAW, WHILE GOVT CONTINUES EXAMINING NATION'S ECONOMIC SITUATION. HOWEVER, SYSTEM OF COMPENSATORY BONUSES PROMISED TO MAINTAIN WORKERS' BUYING POWER. GOVT CONTINUES TO DISTRIBUTE FOOD AT OFFICIAL PRICES IN LOW INCOME LEVEL AREAS. MOBILE SUPERMARKETS SET UP OVER WEEKEND IN WORKER DISTRICT OF LO HERMIDA (SEPTEL ON GOVT ECONOMIC POLICIES IN PREPARATION).

5. GOVT PROPAGANDA MACHINE CONTINUES OPERATING AT FULL STEAM. TWO WEEKEND THEMES WERE COMPARISONS OF TOMAS MORO KENNELS AND SLUMS TWO BLOCKS AWAY AND GOVT COMMENT ON "COWARDLY" ATTITUDE OF CAPTURED UP AS COMPARED TO THEIR PRE-SEPT 11 RABBLE-ROUSING.

6. LAST UP GOVERNOR OF SANTIAGO PROVINCE, JULIO STUARDO (PS), WAS CAPTURED AND CONFINED TO MILITARY SCHOOL WHERE HE WILL JOIN PR PRESIDENT ANSELMO SULE AND OTHERS WHOSE PRESENCE THERE ANNOUNCED ON WEEKEND. MININTERIOR BONILLA ACKNOWLEDGED THAT THERE ARE "ABOUT 35" FORMER UP FIGURES INTERNED ON DAWSON ISLAND, BUT WITH EXCEPTION OF ORLANDO LETELIER HE REFUSED TO ADD ANY NAMES TO LIST OF 26 PUBLISHED LAST WEEK (SANTIAGO 4551). TWO CONFIDENTIAL

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ICRC OBSERVERS VISITED DAWSON ISLAND OVER WEEKEND.

7. GOC CLARIFIED "OUTLAWING" OF UP PARTIES BY IDENTIFYING THOSE SPECIFICALLY OUTLAWED AS PCCH, PS AND BOTH MAPU ORGANIZATIONS.

8. PRESS REPORT EMANATING FROM VENEZUELA THAT PS SECGEN CARLOS ALTAMIRANO SEEKING ASYLUM IN GOV'S SANTIAGO EMBASSY BROUGHT QUICK DENIAL FROM VENEZUELAN AMBASSADOR TOVAR, ALTHOUGH AT LEAST

ONE USUALLY WELL INFORMED EMBASSY SOURCE SAYS TOVAR IS LYING. TOVAR WOULD NOT GIVE NAMES OF "GUESTS" THOUGH PRESS REPORTS THAT AMONG THOSE CURRENTLY ENJOYING HIS HOSPITALITY ARE FORMER MINAG CHONCHOL, EX-ODEPLAN CHIEF MARTNER, IC LEADERS LUIS BADILLA AND RAFAEL GUMUCIO AND FOLKSINGER ISABEL PARRA. EX-PS SENATORS JAIME SUAREZ AND MARIA ELENA CARRERA AS WELL AS EX-MINPULBIC WORKS HUMBERTO MARTONES (PR) REPORTEDLY IN PERUVIAN EMBASSY.

9. THEME THAT NATION RETURNING TO NORMALITY EXMPHASIZED BY GOVT DECISION TO REOPEN SCHOOLS OCT 1 AND ANNOUNCEMENT THAT MONEDA WILL BE REBUILT BY SANTIAGO CITY AUTHORITIES, BUT SECURITY PROBLEMS EVIDENTLY REMAIN. EXPLOSIONS OF UNDETERMINED NATURE WERE HEARD DOWNTOWN SANTIAGO AFTERNOON SEPT 30 AND SOME HEAVY FIRING AND HELICOPTER ACTION WERE HEARD IN EASTERN RESIDENTIAL AREA SAME NIGHT. GOVT ANNOUNCED ARRESTS OF 76 "UP ACTIVISTS" FOR SPREADING FALSE RUMORS PRIMARILY IN FOODLINES. ALL FACH RESERVISTS WHO WERE ON ACTIVE DUTY BETWEEN 1970-72 HAVE BEEN TOLD TO REPORT ONCE AGAIN OCT 1 FOR DUTY.

10. FONMIN HUERTA REEMPHASIZED NEW GOC'S DESIRE TO REESTABLISH DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH BOLIVIA.
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